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Prior Art Rejections

It is believed that the rejection made under 102(b) and 103(a) have been rendered moot by the amendment made to claim 1.

However, should a future rejection incorporate the Examiner's Official Notice that "applying a release coating to advantageously form an adhesive tape roll *and* applying appropriate amount of acrylate adhesive as pressure-sensitive adhesive are well known.", the applicants hereby formally traverse this official notice assertion and request a citation of a reference in support of this position (see MPEP 2144.03).

Especially with regard to the latter statement with regard to acrylate adhesive, the statement appears not to be founded in fact and contrary to the requirements of MPEP 2143.01 which states that "A statement that modifications of the prior art to meet the claimed invention would have been 'well within the ordinary skill of the art at the time the claimed invention was made' because the references relied upon teach that all aspects of the claimed invention were known in the art is not sufficient to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness without some objective reason to combine the teachings of the references. *Ex parte Levengood*, 28 USPQ2d 1300 (BPAI 1993)."

Closing

The applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance. However, should any minor issue arise which prevents allowance of the application, the examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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COPY OF CLAIMS SHOWING AMENDMENTS MADE

1. An adhesive tape provided on one side with a self-adhesive composition and comprising a backing material comprising a polyester film coated with a crosslinked epoxy resin, wherein
- the crosslinked epoxy resin is prepared using epoxy resins selected from the group consisting of liquid, solvent-free epoxy resins based on bisphenol A, bisphenol F or bisphenol A/F; reactively diluted or plasticized epoxy resins; polyfunctional novolak glycidyl ether resins; aliphatic or cycloaliphatic epoxy resins; and mixtures of said epoxy resins; and wherein said epoxy resins are cured using a curing agent selected from the group consisting of formulated polyethers/polyamines; nonformulated aliphatic polyamines; araliphatic polyamines; cycloaliphatic polyamines; aromatic amine curing agents; modified polyamines; polyamidoamines; polyaminoimidazoline; polyether amines; and formulated adducts or mixtures of said amines.
6. The adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the self-adhesive composition has the following makeup:
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| ethylene | from 10 to 30% by weight |
| <u>vinyl acetate</u> | from 20 to 55% by weight |
| acrylic ester | from 30 to 69% by weight |
| acrylamide | from 0 to 8% by weight. |
11. The adhesive tape of Claim 6, wherein
- the amount of ethylene is 10 to 15% by weight,
the amount of vinyl acetate is 30 to 35% by weight,
the amount of acrylic ester is 50 to 60% by weight,
the amount of acrylami[a]de is 0.5% by weight.